

REMARKS

Claims 16-17 and 22-27 are now present in this application. Claims 16 and 17 have been amended, whereas claims 22-27 have been added by way of the present amendment.

It is respectfully submitted that the outstanding claims are allowable over the prior art of record. Neither Hakuta '315 nor Hakuta '862 disclose a method of making a sealing or gasket material for a fuel cell comprising molding a rubber composition into said sealing or gasket material by liquid injection molding. Furthermore, the references of record also fail to teach or suggest a method of making a top cover gasket for a hard disk driver comprising molding a rubber composition into said top cover gasket by liquid injection molding.

Accordingly, entry of the above amendments is earnestly solicited, and an early and favorable action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Marc S. Weiner (Reg. No. 32,181) at the telephone number of the undersigned below.

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If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37.C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.14; particularly, extension of time fees.

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Respectfully submitted,

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